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LEADERS (SECTION A)

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1. MISSION ANXIOUS PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM, BUT UNABLE PROVIDE FUNDING. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS BEEN KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION IWY AND HAS NOMINATED AND SENT FIVE WOMEN LABOR LEADERS TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS DURING PAST YEAR. REFERENCE CIRCULAR UNCLEAR WHETHER O/LAB FUNDING LIMITED TO WOMEN NOMINEES. IF THIS THE CASE, WE HAVE WORTHY TRADE UNION WOMAN CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, IF O/LAB FUNDING NOT RPT NOT LIMITED TO WOMEN, IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD (UNION COMMUNITY SERVICES) EMBASSY HAS SEVERAL STRONGER MALE CANDIDATES. OUR MALE NOMINEE WOULD LIKELY BE PROMINENT LABOR LEADER WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN UNION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS AMONG SUGARWORKERS, ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE SECTORS IN PHILIPPINE LABOR SCENE.

2. WE THEREFORE HOPE O/LAB FUNDING AND SPACE CAN BE RESERVED FOR ONE (IF NOT TWO) FILIPINO LABOR LEADER, MAN AND/OR WOMAN. IN VIEW CONTINUING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL, APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION SOONEST.
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